

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A composition for the ~~curative and prophylactic~~ treatment of obesity, suitable for oral administration, comprising an extract of green tea having from 20% to 50% by mass of catechols expressed as epigallocatechol gallate (EGCG), and from 5% to 10% by mass of caffeine, said catechols and caffeine being present in said extract in a combined synergistic thermogenically effective amount, the ratio of the concentration of catechols to the concentration of caffeine in said extract being between 2 and 10.

3. (previously presented) A composition according to Claim 1, wherein said green tea extract has from 20% to 30% by mass of catechols expressed as epigallocatechol gallate (EGCG).

5. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said green tea extract has from 250 mg to 500 mg of catechols, and from 50 mg to 200 mg of caffeine, per daily dose.

16. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 5, wherein said green tea extract has about 375 mg of catechols and about 150 mg of caffeine.

25. (currently amended) A composition for the ~~curative and prophylactic~~ treatment of obesity, suitable for oral administration, comprising an extract of green tea having from 20% to 50% by mass of catechols expressed as epigallocatechol gallate (EGCG), and from 5% to 10% by mass of caffeine, said catechols and caffeine being present in said extract in a combined synergistic thermogenically effective amount, the ratio of the concentration of catechols to the concentration of caffeine in said extract being between 2 and 10 and wherein said green tea extract is obtained using an 80% ethanol extraction.

26. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 4 25, wherein said green tea extract has from 20% to 30% by mass of catechols expressed as epigallocatechol gallate (EGCG).

27. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 4 25, wherein said green tea extract has from 250 mg to 500 mg of catechols, and from 50 mg to 200 mg of caffeine, per daily dose.

28. (previously presented) The composition according to Claim 5 27, wherein said green tea extract has about 375 mg of catechols and about 150 mg of caffeine.